Benra River Projects

3497. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI. Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with the agreement of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh for providing funds for the execution of Betwa river project the Union Government had got the River Board Act, 1976 passed by the Parliament;

(b) whether it is a fact that the project has lagged behind because the States are not providing the requisite funds for the project;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) wether Government propose to provide funds ss Central assistance for the completion of the project; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Paucity of fund is one of the reasons responsible for delay in completion of the dam project.

(c) Upto end of July, 1992 against approved budget estimate of Rs. 224.56 crores, the Government of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh have contributed about Rs. 161.01 crores to Betwa River Board Fund.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration.

(e) As per provisions of the Betwa River Board Act, 1976 State Governments of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh are required to contribute funds equally to the Betwa River Board Fund to the satisfaction of the Board.

World Hunk assistance for Completion of Irrigation Projects in Madhya Pradesh

3498. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: WiU the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the recent past World Bank had sanctioned time bound credit assistance for 28 major/medium irrigation projects in Madhya. Pradesh but the assistance could be utilised due to non-comple-lion of work in time;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA): (a) and (b) Under the Madhya Pradesh Medium Irrigation Project (Cre_ dit 1108-IN) a credit of SDR 112.6 million was approved by the World Bank in 1981. The credit closed on March 31, 1988 and an amount of SDR 106.621 million wag disbursed. The project was co-financed by a loan ol SDR 21.9 million from the International Fund for Agricultural Development which was fully disbursed. 16 medium Irrigation Projects were funded under this Project.

Under the Madhya Pradesh Major Irrigation Project, a credit of SDR 195.2 million was approved by the World Bank in September, 1981. The credit closed on 30th June, 1991 and an amount of SDR 165.5 million was disbursed. The Project financed two on-going Irrigation Development Schemes—(i) Mahanadi Reservoir

Project and (ii) Hasdep Bango Project and also provided for the preparation of the 'Arpa Scheme'.

(c) All the sixteen Medium Irrigation Projects are continuing as Non-World Bank Projects under Plan Assist: nee. The Working Group of Planning Commission recommended the spill-over cost of Rs. 104.45 crores of these Medium Irrigation Projects, as provision for VIII Plan. All these Medium Irrigation Projects are expected to be completed in VIII Plan.

Against the likely spill-over cost of Rs. 303.51 crores for Hasdeo Bango and Rs. 681.53 crores for Mahanadi Reservoir Projects, the corresponding provisions made by the working group of Planning' Commission for VIII Plan are Rs. 160 crores and Rs. 140 crores respectively.

U.S. aid to Madhya Pradesh for completion of Irrigation Projects

3493. SHHI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that U.S.A. had in the past sanctioned a substantial amount in U.S. dollars for the minor irrigation schemes in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the minor irrigation schemes in the State could not be identified well in time resulting in non-utilisation of U.S. aid;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(e) whether U.S. aid has extended the credit for some more time; and

(f) if so, what action Government are taking to ensure the timely completion of minor irrigation projects in Madhya Pradesh and full utilisation of this aid?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA): (a) and (b)Yes, Sir. An agreement was concluded with United States Agency for International Development in 1983 for an assistance of US dollar 46 million for Minor Irrigation schemes in Madhya Pradesh.

(e) The Project Assistance completion date for Madhya Pradesh Minor Irrigation Project was 30th September, 1989. In stages, this was extended up to 30th June, 1992.

(c), (d) and *(f)* In the initial years, the identification took more time than anticipated. The Project was restructured in 1988. Of the total assistance of US Dollar 46 million, an amount of 1.084 million has been de-obligated. Uptq 30th June, 1992, the disbursement amounts to dollar 40.229 million. The last date for filing claims was 31-7-1992. Certain claims are still pending with United States Agency for Intemationl Development for processing and disbursement.

Completion of Ganga Barrage Project

3500. DR. ISHWAR CHANDRA GUPTA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress so far made for construction of Ganga Barrage Project;

(b) the amount allotted for the project; and

(c) the date by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA): (a) Based on the results of model studies entrusted to Central Water and Power Research Station, Pune and Uttar Pradesh Irrigation Research Institute, Roorkee the State Government is required to prepare a modi-ffied project report.

(b) and (c) In the absence of modified project report, financing and completion schedules cannot be work, ed out,